



Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Skyline - 8:00 pm-9:23 pm

Attendees: Garret Suihkonen, Ben Carlson, Bud Mickelson, Eric Albrecht, Jameson Lundquist, Chad Huttel, Adam Wright, Conrad Fox, Nate Kukowski, Marko Pedisic, Karl Gilbert, Jon Clauson, Ross Peterson, Sarah Johnson, Josh Peterson, Andrea Mahrke, Adam Lilyquist

Guests: Shawna Jokinen

1. Call to order @8:00pm by Wright.
2. Review and Approval of September 2025 monthly meeting minutes **Motion** made by Lundquist, seconded by Gilbert. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.
3. September Gambling Report October 20, 2025

Gross Receipts	\$374,740	Proposed September Budget	\$34,060
Prizes Paid	\$312,036	Actual September Budget	\$31,463
Net Receipts	\$62,704	End of last month carryover	\$96,359.42
Allowable Expenses	\$26,826	Proposed November Budget	\$40,660
Taxes Payable	\$4,529	Net Profit	\$31,349

Motion to approve the Gambling Report for September 2025 made by Suihkonen, Second by Clauson. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to approve a proposed budget for November 2025 made by Albrecht, Second by Fox. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to approve a Schedule C Donation of \$13,980.60 payable to Zamboni USA and \$34,145 for ice bills payable to Hermantown Arena made by Wright, Second by Suihkonen. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

Andrea presented Gambling Report. Shared information about GC Made Easy software features. The transition from the previous gambling operations team has been completed. Upcoming Raffle ticket collections planned.

4. Old Business:

- a. Outdoor Rink Replacement – Fox led discussion on seasonal outdoor zamboni driver position and approaches for hiring. Identified that a new snowblower is needed as well as extra dirt and options to acquire these materials. Shared updates on pleasure rink progress. **Motion** to approve \$5,000 for K&H to level area for additional ice rink space adjacent to the arena parking lot made by Pedisic, second by Kukowski. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed. **Motion** to approve spending up to \$3,000 for electrical, trenching and foundation services for lighting of additional rink space made by Albrecht, second by Mickelson. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

- b. Registration/Software - Tracking coaches in spreadsheet. Background checks and modules need to be completed to get on the ice
- a. 3rd Jersey Option (Garret)
 - i. Get your forms in, send form & they will be ordered as they are received
 - ii. Team oriented approach

5. New Business:

- a. Shooting Challenge Collection/Display/Prizes (Ross) -Display will be made for the arena - Jon to work with Chad and get finalized
- b. High School Game Passes (Adam) - Passes will be available to the association skaters again for the 25-26 season. Arena is getting them ordered and then will hand out to teams
- c. Half ice boards for new arena (Adam) - Discussion about need to order another set of half ice boards for the new arena. To be determined in the future.
- d. Photographer (Adam)- HAHA to send out request for proposals and will evaluate based on what is supplied by the potential photographers
- e. U15 Mirage – Discussed request for non-association players from neighboring community without a U15 program to play with Mirage – approved electronically – Board to support the decision of the Mirage Subcommittee
- f. Bantam Coaching – Approved Electronically
 - i. Bantam AA Head Coach – Peter Grytdahl
 - 1. Bantam AA Assistant – Sam High
 - ii. Bantam B1 Head Coach – Kyle Amundson
 - 1. Bantam B1 Assistant – Sam Gibson
 - iii. Bantam B2 Head Coach – Eric Albrecht
- g. Spiideo cameras going into the new arena when cleared by the construction crews for access
- h. Northstar ford has the car for the raffle ready to go. Ford Escape will be parked at arena

6. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary **October 20, 2025:**

Savings	CD	Checking	Total
\$662,980.58		\$8,597.87	\$671,578.45

YOY: \$18,710.91

Suihkonen provided a detailed review of the P&L and answered questions from the membership. Discussion about outstanding \$16,000 loan to gambling and ways to resolve it. Concession stand is now cashless with no spend minimum for credit cards. Raffle tickets are sold at the concession stand so they will have to be sold with cash.

Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Fox, seconded by Pedisic. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

7. Player Development:

- a. Huttel: Tryouts went well, coaches either worked out for each team or nearly settled
- b. Goalies: L. Olson – No update
- c. Girls: Anick - No update

8. Level Coordinator Reports:

- a. Equipment Manager: Carlson Discussion about the need for more iPads to be used for GameSheets – might need 4 more for the season. **Motion** to approve the purchase of 4 iPads for teams made by Mickelson, 2nd by Fox, all in favor, no opposed, motion passed. Coach white boards and pucks coming
- b. Outdoor Ice: Fox – Volunteer days ongoing, identified that the outdoor rinks are low on nets, grass is in good shape. Discussion about if plastic liners will enhance the availability of outdoor ice for the association. **Motion** to approve the purchase of one mini rink liner for up to \$1,500 made by Huttel, Second by Fox. Suihkonen Voted No. All others in favor, motion passed
- c. Girls U13-U15: Johnson – No update

- d. Girls U10-U12: Clauson – Tryouts done, coaches picked, Mirage subcommittee approved 2 move-ups from U8 to U10
- e. Girls U6-U8: Gilbert – No update
- c. BN: Kukowski – Discussion about older kids giving back initiative. Exploring implementing on the bantam level
- f. PW: Pedisic – Tryouts done, coaches set. **Motion** to approve Matt Boyer as Peewee B1 coach made by Wright, 2nd by Gilbert, all in favor, no opposed, motion passed
- g. SQ: Peterson - Tryouts mostly done, finalizing teams and scrimmages this week
- h. M2- Mickelson – Teams all done, working on coach requirements
- i. IM/M1: Lundquist – Going well

9. Open forum/Membership questions/concerns:

- a. Shawna – Shawna - Grand opening of new arena to showcase all the work and sponsorship. Bringing in other teams/towns to show off the success of the project. Fun things planned for the youth to experience. Scheduled for January 1-4, 2026.
- b. Lilyquist - Most tournaments full, setting up Gamesheets for home tournaments

Meeting Adjourned 9:23 PM